

REMARKS

The October 18, 2007 Office Action has been received and carefully studied. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indicated allowability of several of the claims. The foregoing amendments and claim cancellations are believed to place the case in condition for allowance and, accordingly, entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

In a voice message left with the Examiner Douglas on November 5th certain minor irregularities were noted in the October 18, 2007 Office Action. Specifically, no reference was made to the fact that allowed claims 85 and 93 are dependent on rejected claims. Since this is believed to be evident, these claims have been rewritten independent form. (In the November 5th voice message, applicant erroneously made reference to claim 97. This claim, in fact, depends on an allowed claim).

Furthermore, as was noted in the voice message, there is no reference in the Office Action as to whether the pending dependent claim 77 was either allowed or rejected. In light of the section headed "Allowable Subject Matter" on page 6 of the Office Action, it has been assumed that it was the Examiner's intention to allow claim 77 and, accordingly, the above amendment presents this claim in independent form. This assumption of allowability is based on the fact that claim 77 recites the same specific percentages of the components of the catalyst precursors as are in, for example, the allowed claim 61.

In addition, to place the case in condition for allowance, several of the previously rejected dependent claims have been amended to depend on allowed claims. These include claims 55-58, now dependent on allowed claim 54; claims 62-65, now dependent on allowed claim 61; claims 67 and 68 now dependent on allowed claim 66; claims 71 and 73-75 now dependent on allowed claim 70; and claims 78-80 and 82 now dependent on claim 77.

New claim 109 has been added to provide further coverage of the invention. This claim is believed to be allowable, since it is limited to processing at ambient temperatures and pressures. It is essentially the same as allowed claim 96, except that it describes all of the catalyst precursor

components in the form of chemical compounds. Reference is again made to the Examiner's comments with regard to "Allowable Subject Matter."

Claims 54, 61, 70, 77, 85, 88, 89, 92, 96 and 100 have been amended for clarity by changing the punctuation. These amendments are not believed or intended to be substantive.

The rejected claims 52, 53, 59, 60, 69 and 76 have been cancelled, without prejudice, subject to further prosecution in a continuation application.

Accordingly, upon entry of the above amendment, claims 54-58, 61-68, 70, 71, 73-75, 77-80, 82-100 and 105-109 will be pending in the subject application.

In light of the aforesaid amendments to the pending claims and cancellation of rejected claims, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice to that affect would be greatly appreciated. Should the Examiner have any question with regard to the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully requested that he contact the undersigned attorney at the number set forth below.

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